SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: If the clarifications were to be taken up later on, then it should have been made on Monday instead of today. Then what is the value of this statement?

He should have given it on Monday itself.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: I would be obliged, Madam, if you give you consent for me to lay it on the Table of the House because I am to repeat the same exercise in the Lok Sabha within five minutes or less than five minutes. There is a bit of a problem. The statement can be discussed; clarifications, questions and all that can be taken up later.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Okay. You can lay it on the Table of the House..... (*Interruptions*)

उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे): बोलिए, बसु जी।

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Madam, in this House we have a right to seek clarifications. That should be there, but given him the next opportune time to give clarifications .... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Madam, he has to present himself in the Lok sabha immediately, within five minutes. How can clarifications be sought in five minutes? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: Subject to the availability of the Minister we can seek them on Monday or Tuesday? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Sufficient time should be provided for seeking clarifications.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे): मिस्टर सलीम, मुझे क्या बोलने के लिए आप कह रहे हैं। मैं तो जो आप कहेंगे वही करूंगी। हर वक्त चेयर कुछ कहती है, आप लोग कुछ कहते हैं। अगर आपको इनकन्वीनिएण्ट होती है तो मैंने तो आर्डर दे दिया है, अनुमति दे दी है मंत्री जी को, कि आप स्टेटमेंट जो है टेबल पर रखिएगा। अगर आपको कलेरिफिकेशन पूछनी होगी तो आप लोग बाद में पूछिएगा। मुझे तो कोई आपत्ति नहीं है।

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Incident of arson and massacre of people in Bhojpur District of Bihar on 11th July, 1996

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): Madam, I lay a statement on the Table of the House on the incident of arson and massacre of peope in the Bhojpur District of Bihar on 11th July, 1996. ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Madam, the point is preceisely raised that you can take the sense of the House, but so far as I am concerned, I would not like to sit beyond six. So, clarifications can be sought on some other day, I mean, on the availability of the Minister.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Agarwal, what do you think?

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Madam, I think that his statement should not have been placed on the Table of the House today if there was no time to seek clarifications. But since it has now been laid on the Table of the House, it is better-because this matter is also very important and it is necessary to seek clarifications right now; otherwise, its importance would be lost.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे): डाक्टर साहब, आप कुछ कहना चाह रहे थे।

DR. RANBIR SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, clarifications can be sought later.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): I am told by the Secretariat that Monday is a Budget day. So, we can seek clarifications on Tuesday. Will that be all right? Mr. Minister, is it convenient for you to give clarifications on Tuesday?

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Then what is the use of laying this statement today?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): I do not want to make any comment from here. I think we can adjourn the House now. I adjourn the Houe till 11.00 A.M. on Monday.

The House then adjourned at fifty eight minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 22nd July, 1996.